

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2024

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 11, 2024. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Ramon Bear Runner were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairwoman Comer. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the meeting minutes for February 12, 2024 with the amendment to reflect that Hopkins voted “no” during the motion to pay the bills due to the Badlands Conservation District invoice in the amount of \$2,500.00. And, to approve the meeting minutes for February 20, 2024 and February 23, 2024 as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer for January 2024 as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of January 2024.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$ 655,502.78
Total Amount of Cash:	\$ 589.70
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$ 706.80
FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS	
First Interstate, HS:	\$ 2,540,919.43
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:	
Schwab 2 year	\$ 2,117,566.72
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:	
Election Petty Cash:	\$ 15.00
RETURNED CHECKS:	
Deaton, Tyler	\$ 110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,315,410.53

Dated This 31st Day of January 2024.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$ 5,229,684.84
Held for other Entities	\$ 42,806.45
Held in Trust	\$ 42,919.24
TOTAL	\$ 5,315,410.53

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

The motion to approve the December 2023 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer was made by Yellow Bull, and seconded by Hopkins during the February 12, 2024 meeting but the following information was inadvertently omitted from the minutes of the meeting:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of December 2023.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS: \$ 180,434.45

Total Amount of Cash: \$ 1,346.28

Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$ 57.50

FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS

First Interstate, HS: \$ 2,912,080.57

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Schwab 2 year \$ 16,248.03

Schwab 2 year \$ 2,097,703.13

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Election Petty Cash: \$ 15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Deaton, Tyler \$ 110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,207,995.06

Dated This 31st Day of December 2023.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

Teresa
Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies \$ 5,129,356.00
Held for other Entities \$ 28,165.30
Held in Trust \$ 50,473.76
TOTAL \$ 5,207,995.06

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to set the Assessment Year 2024 Equalization Property Tax Appeals hearings on April 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the facilities rental agreement with Wounded Knee School District in the amount of \$100.00 for deposit and \$100.00 for rental for the Primary Election on June 4, 2024.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the purchase of 60 month/2,000 hours extended warranty for Model 950GC loader, Serial # M5T01407 from Butler Machinery in the amount of \$6,760.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to remove the Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution due to the County Highway Systems not having the need.

Bettelyoun presented fuel quotes on 2-27-24: WESTCO - \$3.049/gallon for 1700 gallons of unleaded gas and \$3.256 for 5,000 gallons of dyed #2 diesel. Vollan Oil - \$2.90/gallon for 1700 gallons 87 No Ethanol gas and \$2.90/gallon for 5,000 gallons of dyed #2 diesel. No bid from Nelson's.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the overall low bid of unleaded gas and dyed #2 diesel combined delivery from Vollan Oil.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept and place on file the Highway Department monthly report.

Bids for the County Roads #6 and #27 Aggregate Resurfacing project were opened by the Chairwoman as advertised. A bid was received from Western Construction, Inc in the amount of \$316,750.00 and Lee Ranch Trucking, LLC in the amount of \$378,000.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the low bid from Western Construction, Inc in the amount of \$316,750.00 contingent on the recommendation of Banner Associates, Inc.

Bear Runner entered the meeting at 1:26 p.m. He wanted to have it noted that he is in attendance as an Oglala Lakota County Commissioner and not representing the Oglala Lakota Housing Authority for this meeting.

Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr., Sheriff, met with the Board to present updates. He reported that he is finishing up the certifications required for his employment; and the inventory of the Sheriff's Department's assets was completed. One of the two new vehicles is in at Liberty Dodge in Rapid City, he will work on getting a quote for outfitting the vehicle and bring back to the board. He will also be working on finishing up a Policy Manual for Law Enforcement in Oglala Lakota County that State's Attorney Russell delivered to him. Yellow Bull inquired as to the Sheriff's intentions regarding hiring deputies.

The Coroner did not submit a monthly report and was not present at the meeting.

Derek Weidensee, FMG Engineering, met with the Board to present a plat.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the following plat:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-07

Plat of Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Red Cloud Subdivision, located in a portion of the SE1/4-SW1/4 and the SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23, T36N, R45W, 6th P.M., Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, the within plat of the above described lands, and it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and section lines of the county; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed; now and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2024.

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Oglala Lakota County Auditor

With Bear Runner abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move the Veteran Service Office back to the Veterans' Shelter in Pine Ridge and asking the Highway Department to assist with the move. With Bear Runner abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried. Hopkins noted that the board took action on a eviction notice from the tribe when they took the action to move the VSO to Batesland.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept and place on file the Veteran Service Officer report.

Representatives from the Oglala Sioux Tribe were not in attendance to request reimbursement of funds for meals and admissions in connection with Veterans and the County VSO.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to remove the OST/County reimbursement request from the agenda until the OST provides supporting documentation.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move to invite the Oglala Lakota Housing Authority to come to the next meeting to discuss how the \$100,000.00 request will be used. With Bear Runner abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried. State's Attorney Russell noted that he reached out to the SD Attorney General on the county spending funds on the Housing request as codified law was unclear on contributing to an MOA that did not include the county. Russell will reach out to the Housing Attorney.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to present tax statistics. There are 27 tax deeds. She will be working on 15 of them, the other 12 involve undivided interest and will take more time to process. Her intent is to ask the Tribe to purchase the 12 with undivided interest. She stated that she will bring an update on liens to the next meeting.

Melody Engebretson, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to present the taxed parcels within Oglala Lakota County. She will email the list to the Commissioners.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to present statistical information regarding the work performed for Oglala Lakota County in her department. She also assisted in reviewing the 2024 budget for the County.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve paying the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$72.42
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$141.30
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.30
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CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$389.04

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$185.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$51.00
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$380.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/IN	\$407.28
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$108.12
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$108.12
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$88.46
JANIS, BOBBIE	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$60.00
H & R BLOCK	2023 TAX FILINGS	\$300.00
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$477.08
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$149.90
MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR	MI EVALUTION	\$336.76
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$261.40
OUR LADY OF SIOUX CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$150.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY	MI HEARING	\$54.00
QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE	MAILING SERVICE	\$471.80
RAMKOTA HOTEL	HOTEL	\$228.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$48.00
SACRED HEART CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$3,127.50
SDACHS	2024 REGISTRATION FE	\$300.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$3.88
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$120.00
STURGIS RESPONDER SUPPLY	UNIFORMS/SUPPLIES	\$1,050.68
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SUBSCRIPTION	\$155.40
WEICHMANN, CYNTHIA	COURT REPORTER	\$12.75
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$125.18
BETTELYOUN, ARROW	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$60.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$97.92
COMER, ALLYSSA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$97.92
COMMISSIONERS	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$2,920.00
STATE'S ATTY	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$500.00
VET SERVICE OFFICER	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$3,316.91
SHERIFF	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$3,726.92
CORONER	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$21,382.94
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF	\$94.45
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$41.65
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$259.98
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$7,248.28
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$13.90
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$236.00

BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$131.91
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	LOCAL PHONE & INTERNET	\$222.00
HUSKER AUTO PARTS	SUPPLY/INVENTORY	\$65.90
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$249.56
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$388.06
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$152.96
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$54.50
MIDWAY SERVICE/VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	\$20,077.80
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,519.74
CRBR ADMIN	FEBRUARY SALARIES	\$18,026.58
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$49,783.27
M & P RELIEF		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$75.00
TRIMIN SYSTEM INC	SERVICES	\$7,500.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF	\$7,575.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 02/16 THROUGH 03/11/2024	\$78,741.21

No public comments were heard.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

/s/Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor